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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1735

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 151600 AND VALLETTA 1634 (NOTAL)

1. ON AUGUST 23, FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY ABLEA REITERATED TO US THAT HE KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR MALTA TO ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE VARIED SLIGHTLY FROM HIS EARLY FORMULATION ("MALTA HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATION"), AND SAID THAT HE SIMPLY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

2. IT IS HARDLY BELIEVABLE THAT MINTOFF WOULD PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND, OR AT A MINIMUM TO HAVE MALTA REPRESENTED AT SUCH A CONFERENCE. WE SUSPECT THAT QUESTION OF MALTESE PARTICIPATION IS BEING HANDLED VERY TIGHTLY BY PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO TRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION. IN CONVERSATION WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MASSA BERNUCCI AUGUST 24, HE MENTIONED THAT DUCCI WOULD BE COMING FROM ROME THIS AFTERNOON FOR 24 HOUR VISIT AT MINTOFF'S REQUEST. WE SUGGESTED THAT DUCCI MIGHT RAISE QUESTION WITH MINTOFF, WHICH MASSA BERNUCCI
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AGREED TO PASS ON TO DUCCI.WE SHALL REPORT ANY FOLLOW-UP.

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